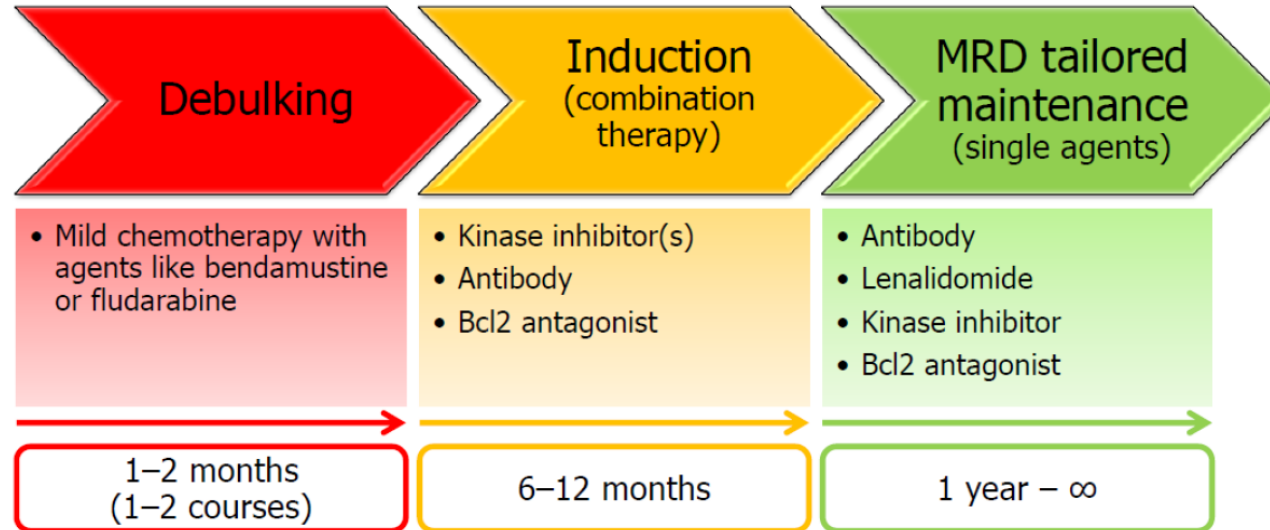


# Význam minimální reziduální nemoci u chronické lymfocytární leukemie



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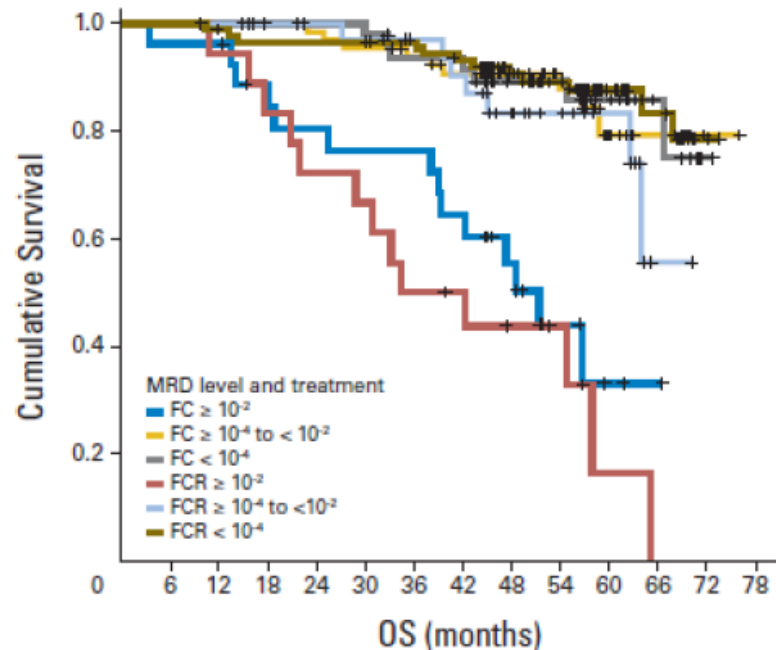
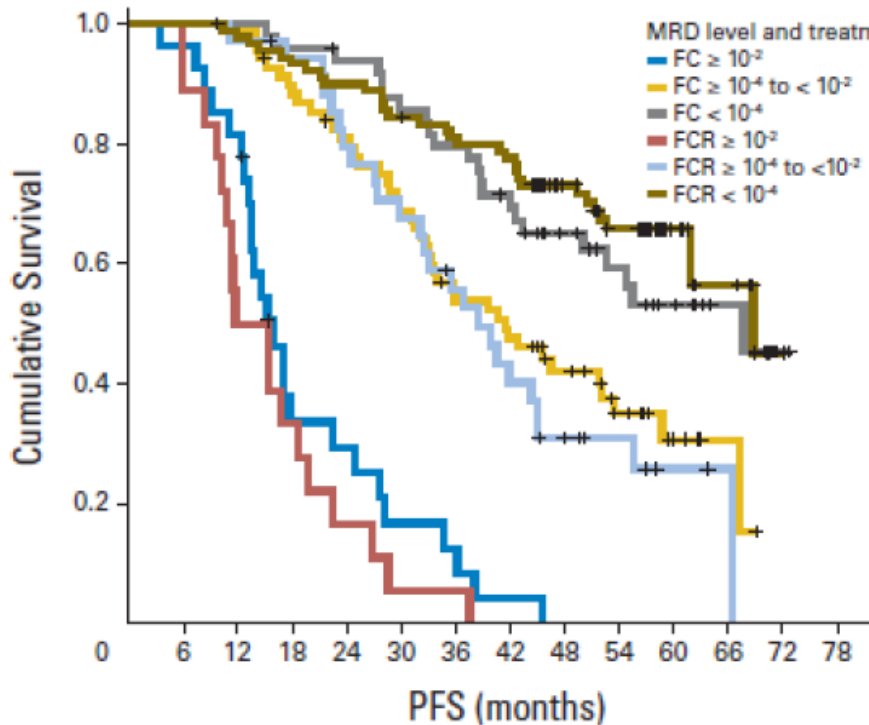
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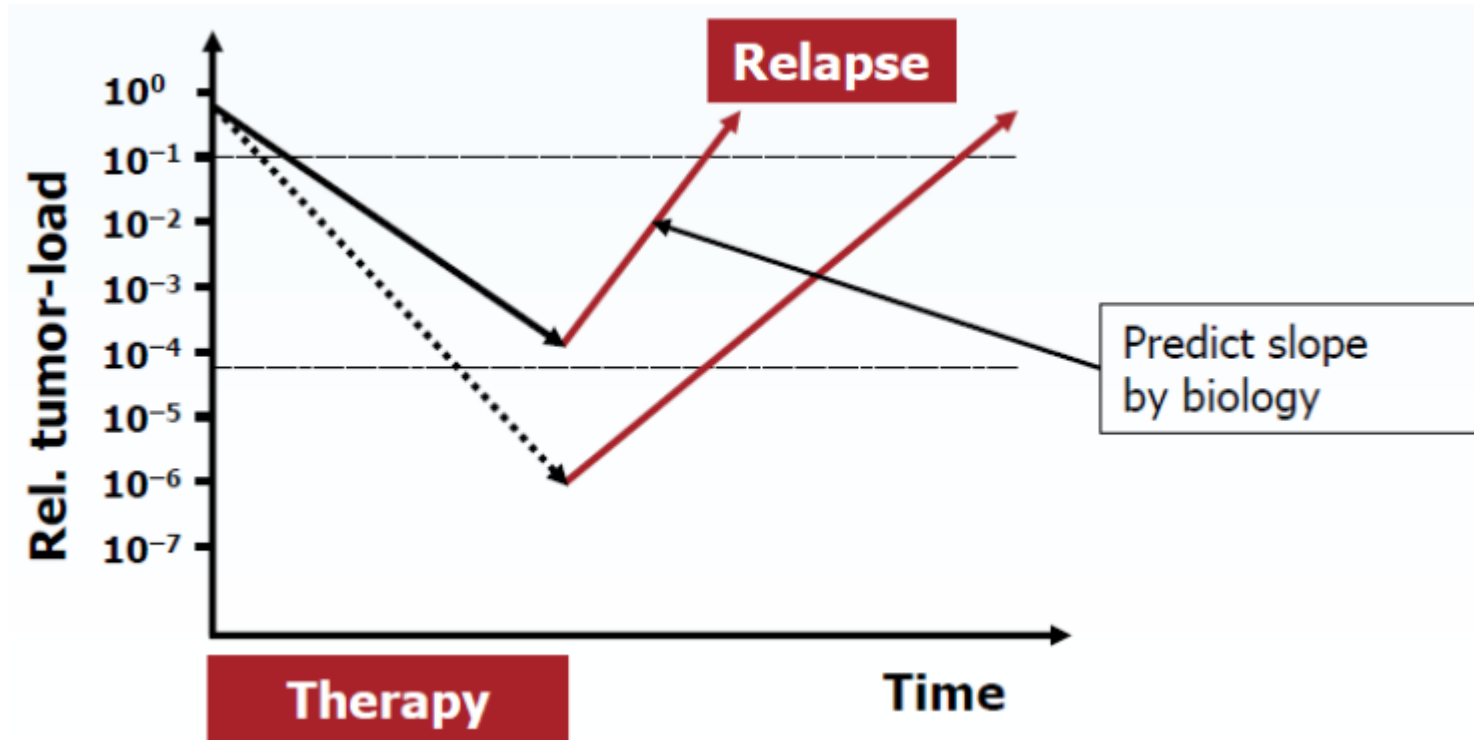
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# Minimální reziduální nemoc u CLL

Hladina MRD predikuje výsledek léčby, nezáleží na léčbě jako takové.



# MRN



# Léčba CLL 2021 a dále

- Intenzivní léčba cílí na dosažení negativity MRD a vyléčení
  - Kombinace nových léčiv s monoklonálními protilátkami
  - Kombinace nových léčiv navzájem
  - Časově omezená terapie (v 90 % případů je nejhlubší MRD odpověď dosažena do 24 měsíců od zahájení terapie; Mato IWCLL 2019)
  - Méně dlouhodobé toxicity (hypertenze, arytmie)
  - Méně klonální evoluce (mutace ovlivňující vazbu léku, mutace vedoucí k autonomní signalizaci, aktivace alternativních drah, deregulace antiapoptotických drah)

# Ibrutinib – rizikové faktory progresu

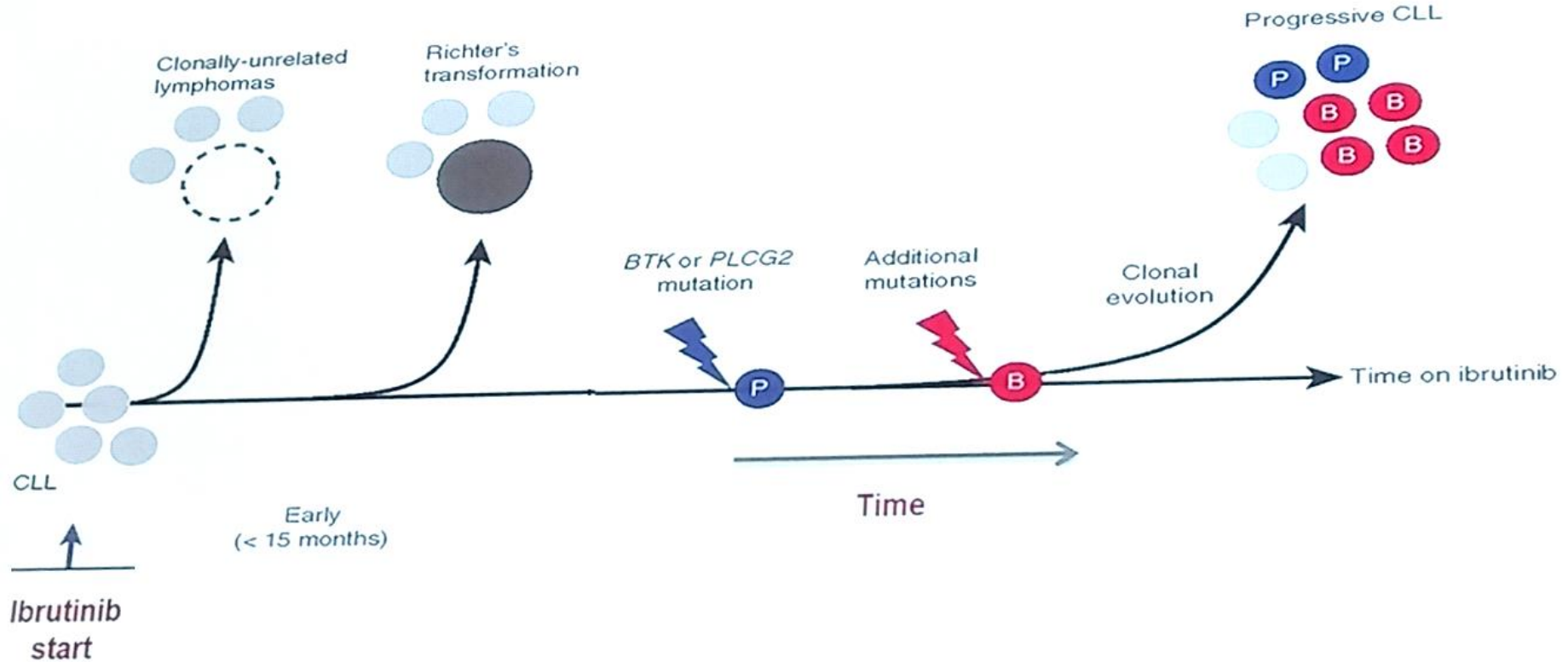
## Predisponující:

- del 17p
- komplexní karyotyp
- vyšší věk
- více jak 3 předešlé terapie

## Získané:

- BTK mutace
- PLCg mutace
- MYC abnormality
- del 8p
- trisomie 2p
- del 18p

# Mechanismy rezistence na ibrutinib



# Inhibitory BCR signalizace a riziko Richterovy transformace

<b>Studie</b>	<b>Počet pacientů</b>	<b>Populace pacientů</b>	<b>Léčba</b>	<b>Prevalence RT</b>
Burger 2015	186	Léčba 1. linie	ibrutinib	0 %
Byrd 2014	391	Relabování	ibrutinib	1 %
O ´ Brien 2014	29	Léčba 1. linie	ibrutinib	3 %
Jain 2015	127	R/R	ibrutinib	5 %
Farooqui 2015	51	Del 17p	ibrutinib	6 %
Mato 2016	178	BCRi	ibrutinib/ idelalisib	7 %
Byrd 2013	85	R/R	ibrutinib	8 %



# MRN ve studiích

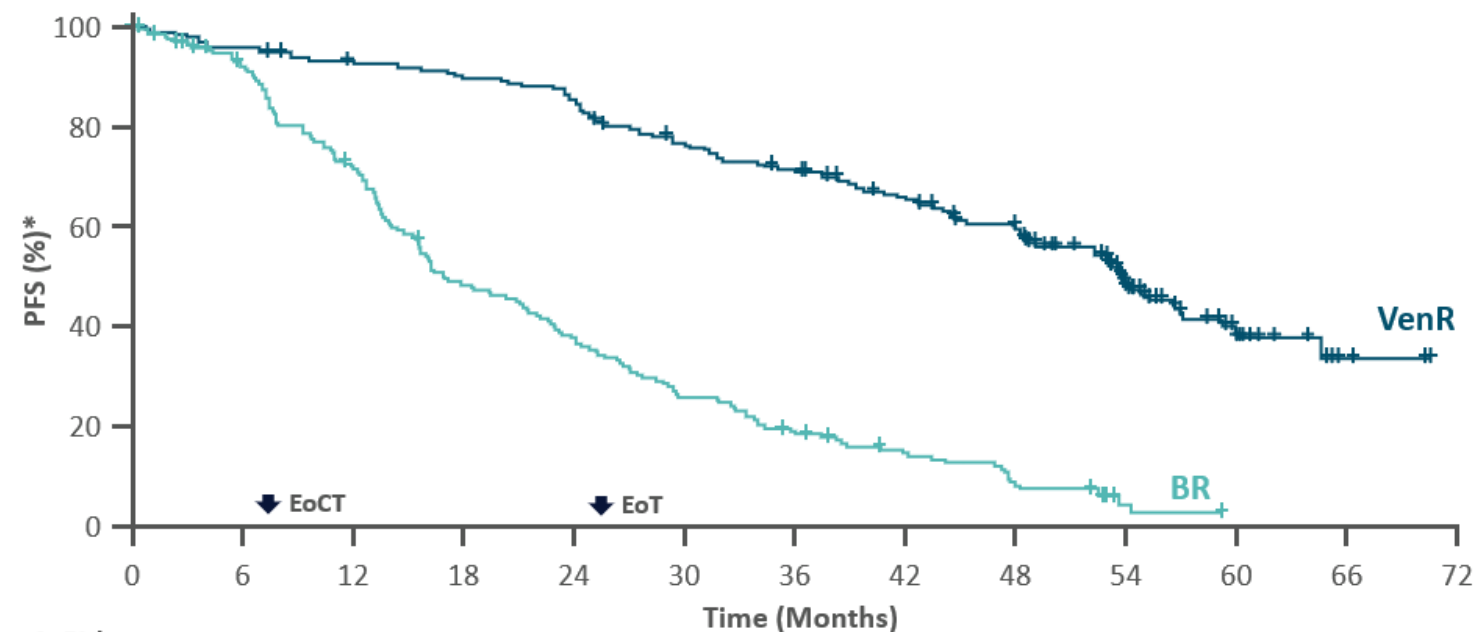
➤ **R/R CLL**

➤ **1. linie**

# MRN ve studiích R/R

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MURANO	VR BR	R/R		48	85	92	27		62
					36	72	8	13	
Obi lbru Ven	OIV	R/R		16		92	42	58	67
BGB-3111	Zanu	R/R				96	14		
Duve + Ven		R/R				89	33	22	
CLARITY	Ven lbr	R/R		21		89	27	36	53
COSMOS (tafasita mab)	Ide T Ven T	R/R		12	91	91	9		12
					77	77	23	46	

# R/R CLL - VR versus BR - PFS

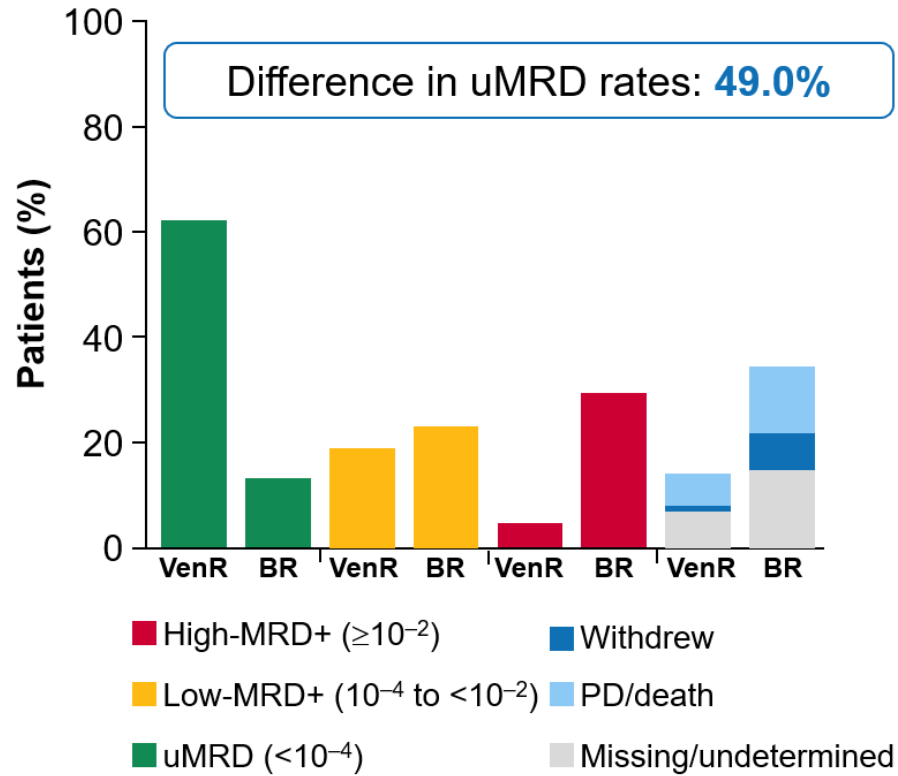


	VenR (n=194)	BR (n=195)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	53.6 (48.4–57.0)	17.0 (15.5–21.7)
HR (95% CI), p-value	0.19 (0.15–0.26) stratified p<0.0001 <sup>†</sup>	

At Risk, n	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
VenR	194	185	176	170	161	142	132	116	99	57	15	3	
BR	195	165	128	84	65	44	31	21	11	2			

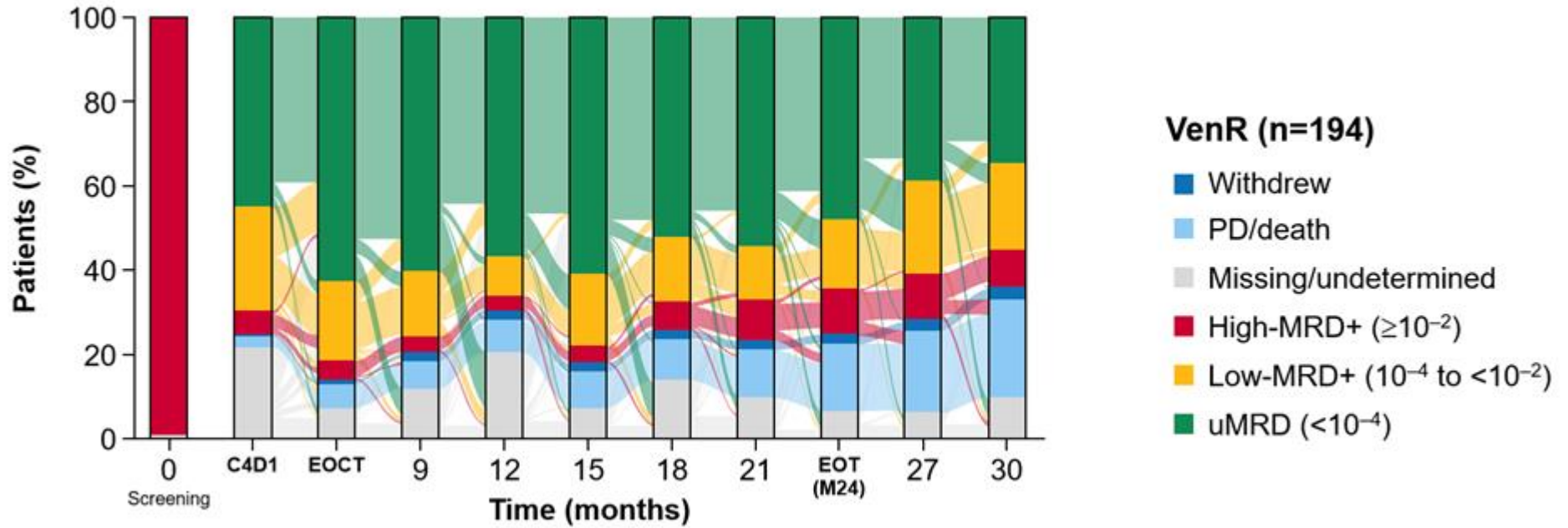
**At the 5-year analysis (median follow-up 59 months), the risk of progression or death was decreased by 81% with VenR vs BR**

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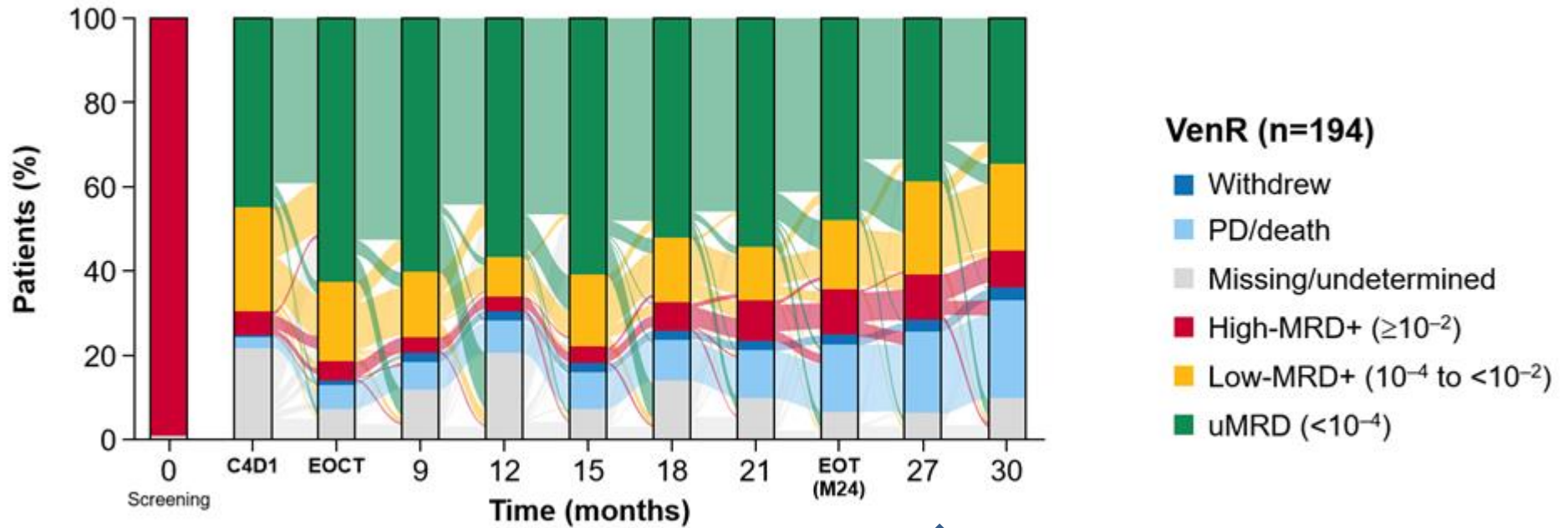


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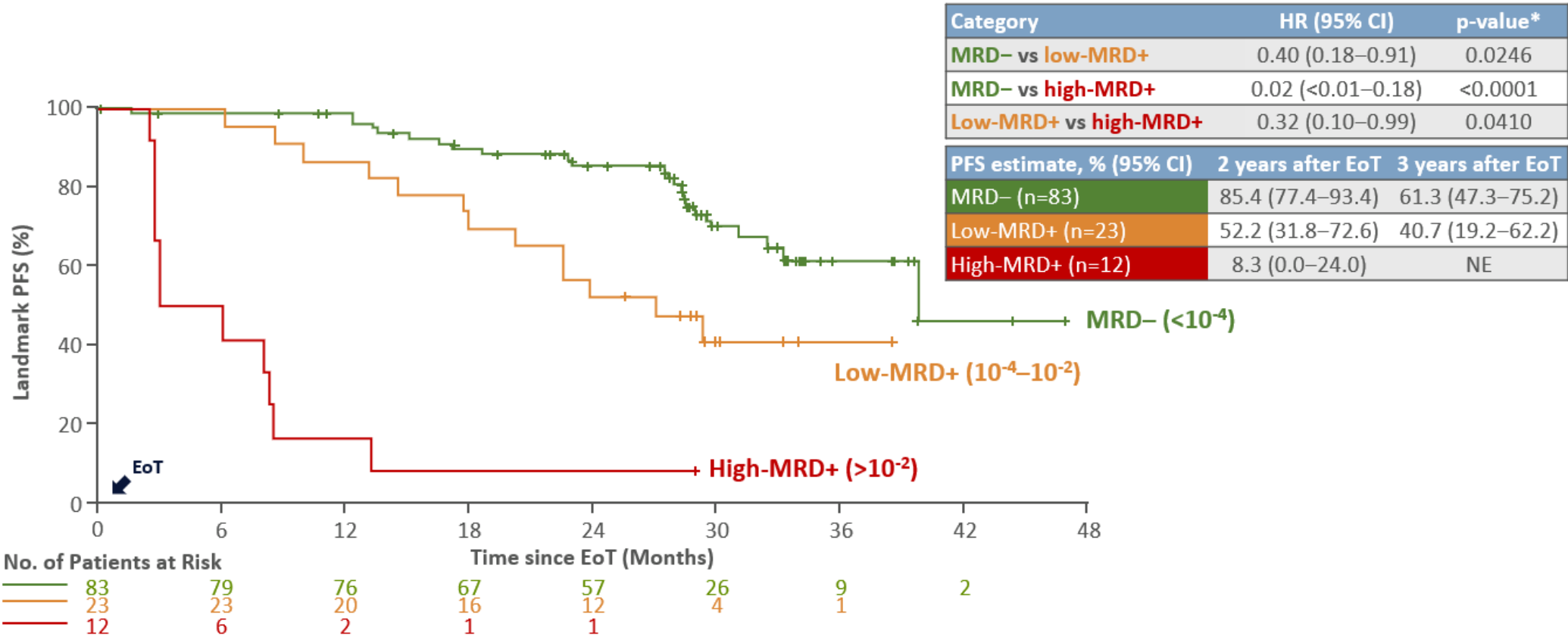


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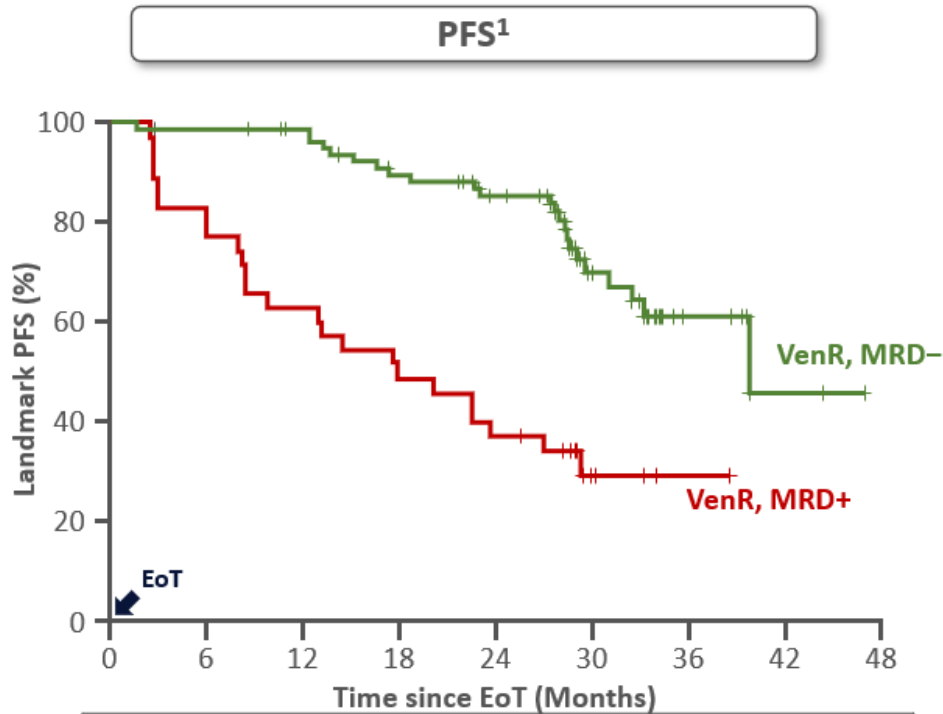
**Pokles negativních MRD**

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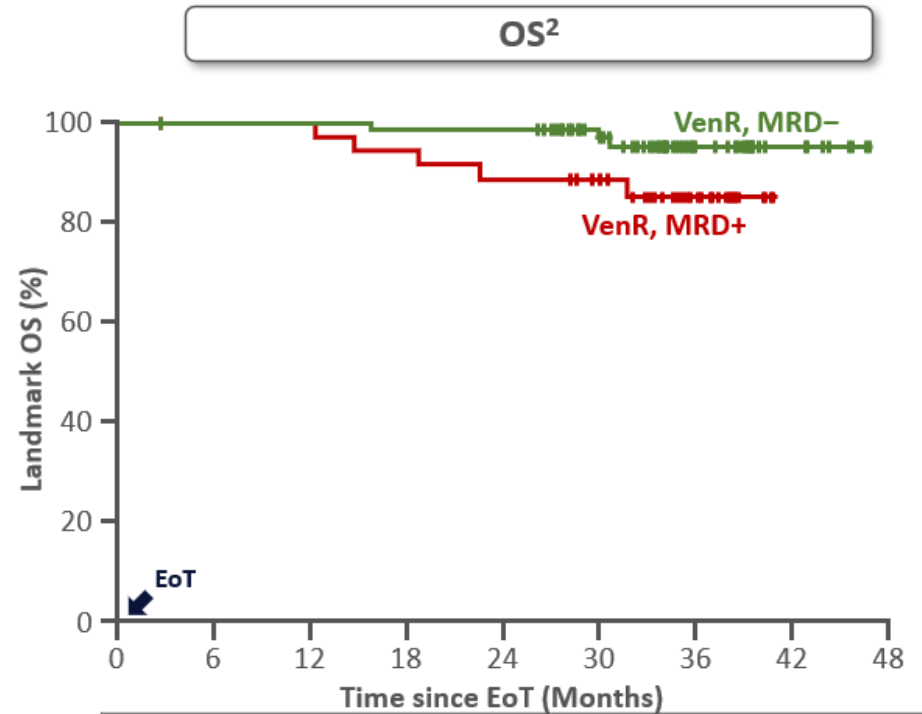


PB MRD- at EoT was associated with longer PFS in the VenR arm, in patients who reached EoT without PD

# R/R CLL - VR versus BR - PFS



PFS estimate	2 years after EoT	3 years after EoT
VenR MRD- (n=83)	85.4%	61.3%
VenR MRD+ (n=35)	37.1%	29.2%



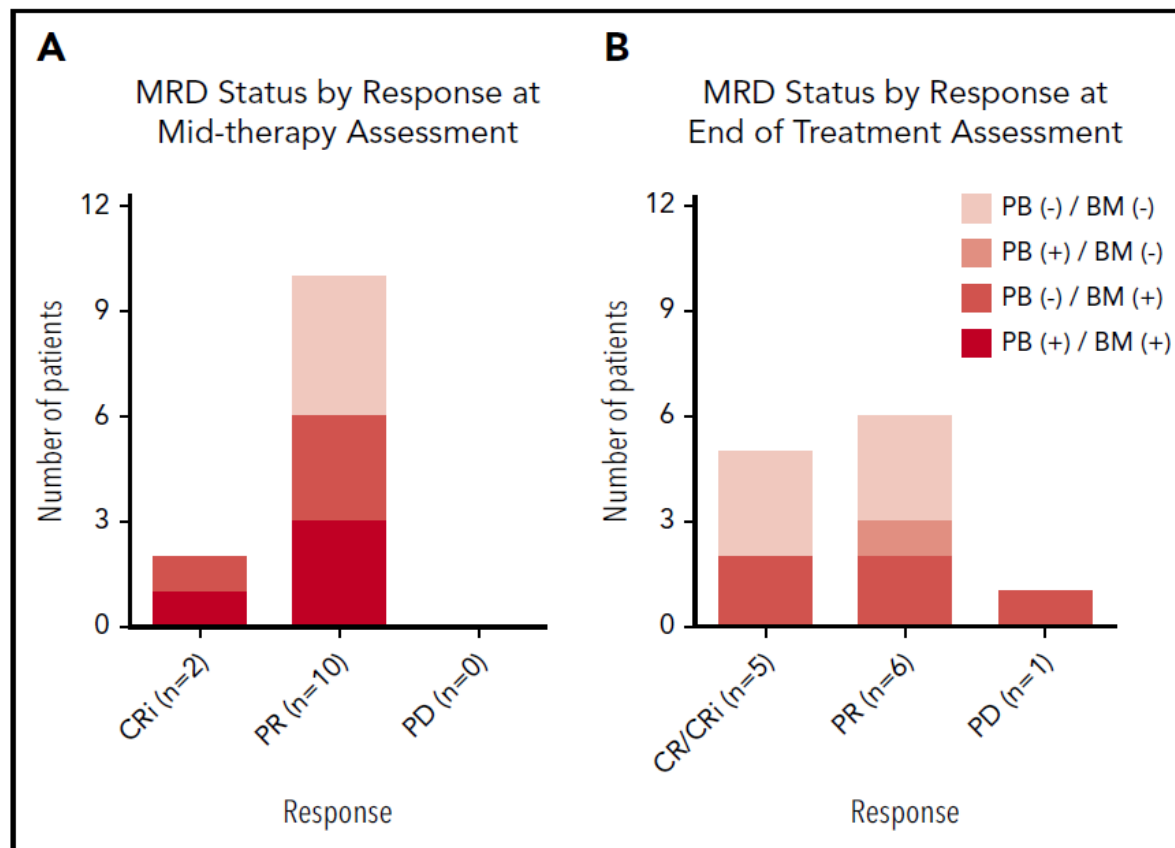
OS estimate	2 years after EoT <sup>1</sup>	3 years after EoT <sup>2</sup>
VenR MRD- (n=83)	98.8%	95.3%
VenR MRD+ (n=35)	88.6%	85.0%

PB MRD- at EoT was associated with improved outcomes post-EoT, in VenR patients who reached EoT without PD



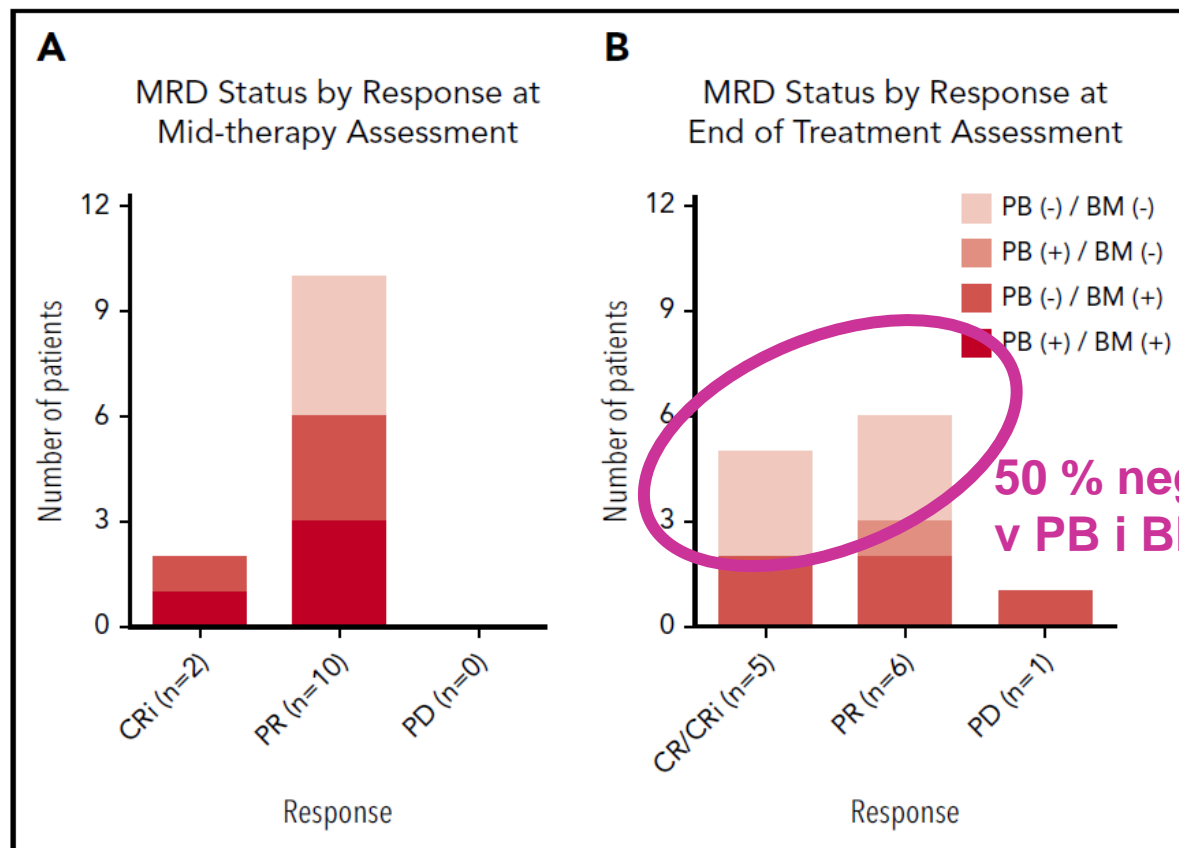
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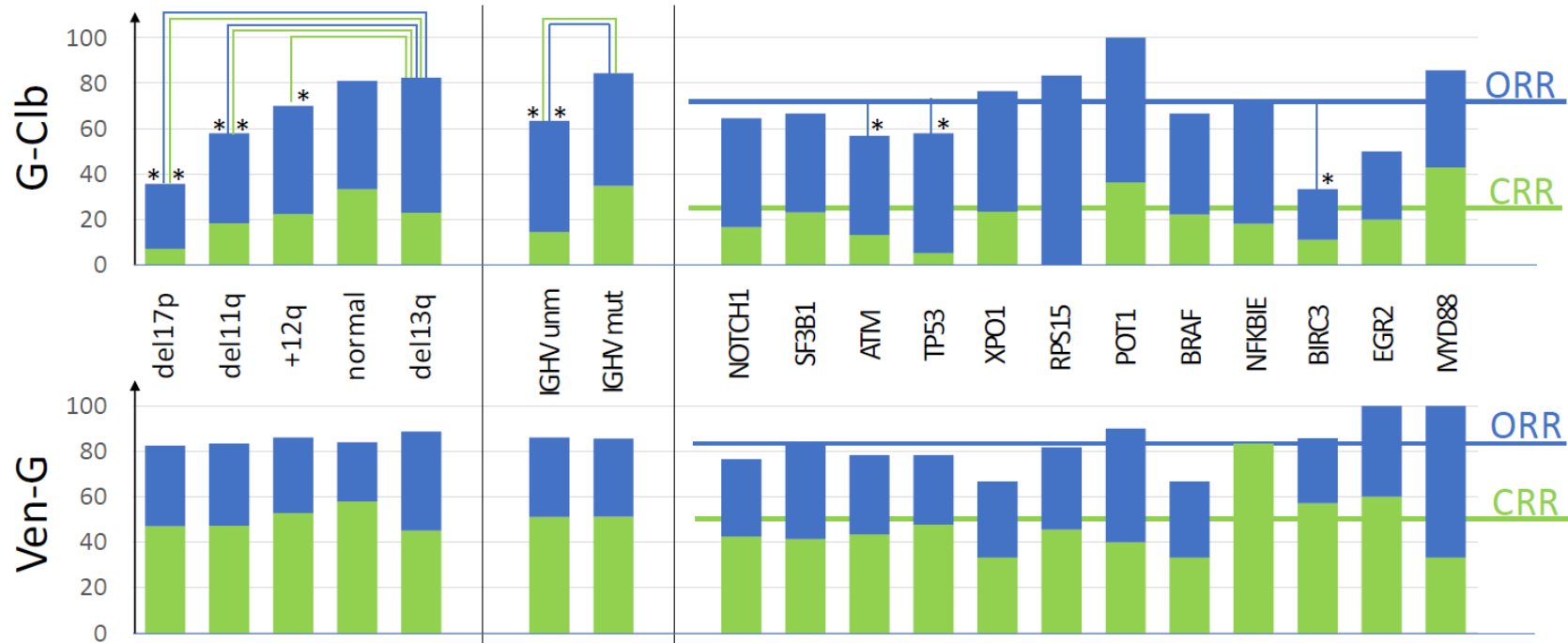
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CLL14	VG	Starší a komorbid.		29	88	85	50	57	76
	G CLB				64	71	23	37	35
CLL11	G CLB	Starší a komorbid.		59	60	78	21		38
	R CLB				30	65	7	3	
iLLUMI NATE	IG	Starší nebo komorbid.		31	80	88	20	20	30
	G CLB				35	73	8	17	20
Alliance	I	Starší nebo komorbid.		38	87	93	7	1	
	BR				74	81	26	8	
CAPTI VATE	IV	Do 70 let		16	99	99	92	72	75
FILO	IG (+FC)	Mladí		16		100	73	79	

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<b>ELEVATE TN</b>	<b>ACA + Obi ACA Obi- CLB</b>	Starší nebo komorb.		28	90 82 34	94 85 72			
<b>ACA + OBI + VEN</b>		Mladší a bez komorb.				100	25		65
<b>BGB3111- 304 (SEQUOIA)</b>	<b>Zanu</b>	Starší nebo komorb.		7		83	0		
<b>E1912</b>	<b>IR</b>	Do 70 let		48	93				

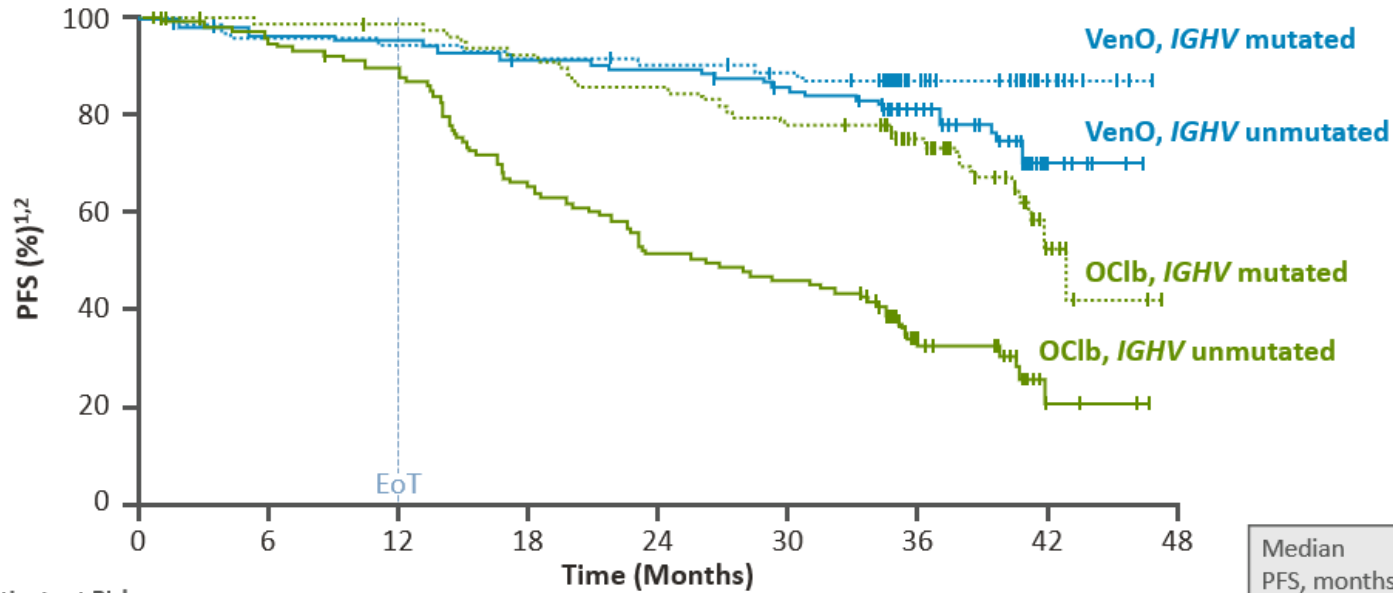
# CLL14 – Obi-Clb vs. Obi-V

## Complete and overall response with G-Clb/Ven-G:



\* p<0.05 for each

# CLL14 – Obi-Clb vs. Obi-V



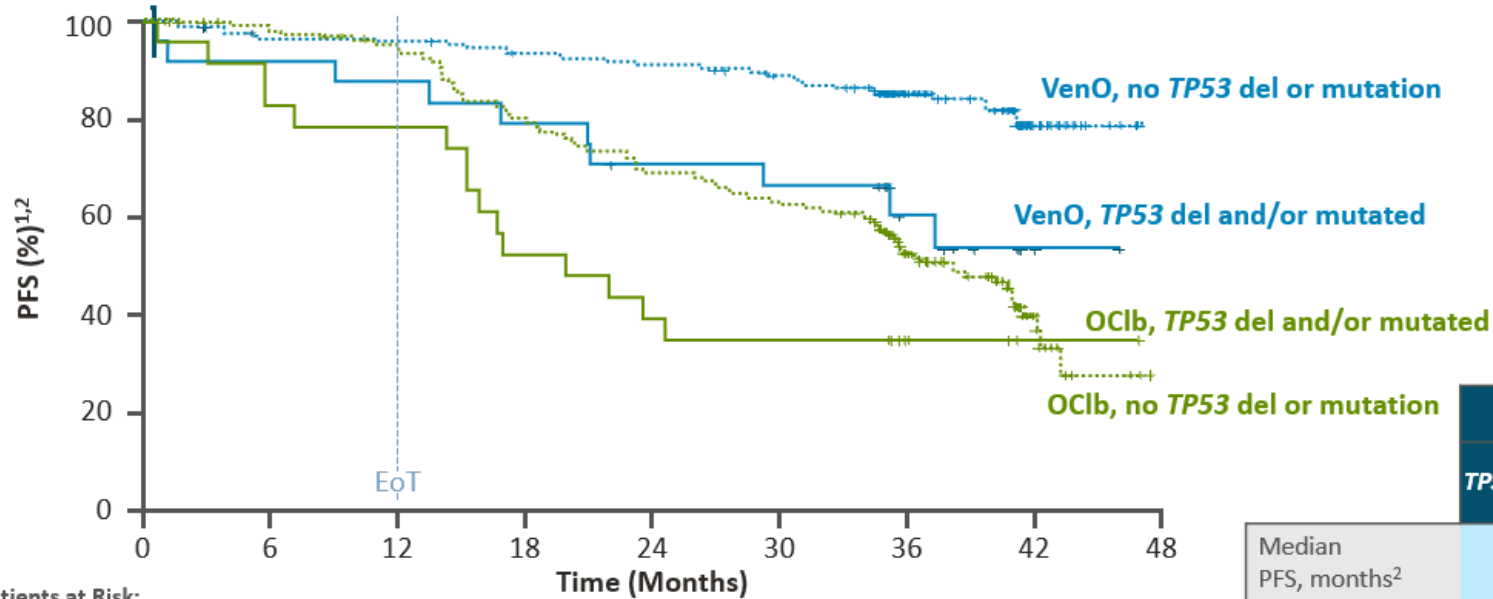
Median follow-up:  
39.6 months (IQR, 36.8–43.0)  
All patients off treatment  
for ≥2 years

No. of Patients at Risk:	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
VenO & <i>IGHV</i> <sup>mut</sup>	76	69	68	66	64	61	37	12	0
VenO & <i>IGHV</i> <sup>unmut</sup>	121	110	109	102	100	94	58	11	0
OClb & <i>IGHV</i> <sup>mut</sup>	83	77	76	71	66	60	44	8	0
OClb & <i>IGHV</i> <sup>unmut</sup>	123	109	100	74	58	52	23	3	0

	VenO (n=216)		OClb (n=216)	
	<i>IGHV</i> unmut	<i>IGHV</i> mut	<i>IGHV</i> unmut	<i>IGHV</i> mut
Median PFS, months <sup>2</sup>	NR	NR	26.3	42.9
HR (95% CI) <sup>1,2</sup>	1.96 (0.92–4.17)		2.98 (1.93–4.61)	

With VenO, PFS was comparable for patients with mutated and unmutated *IGHV*.  
Regardless of *IGHV* mutation status, VenO was associated with favorable PFS vs OClb

# CLL14 – Obi-Clb vs. Obi-V



Median follow-up:  
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	VenO (n=216)		OClb (n=216)	
	TP53 none	TP53 del and/or mut	TP53 none	TP53 del and/or mut
Median PFS, months <sup>2</sup>	NR	NR	38.0	19.8
HR (95% CI) <sup>1,2</sup>	3.00 (1.47–6.15)		1.78 (1.03–3.07)	

No. of Patients at Risk:

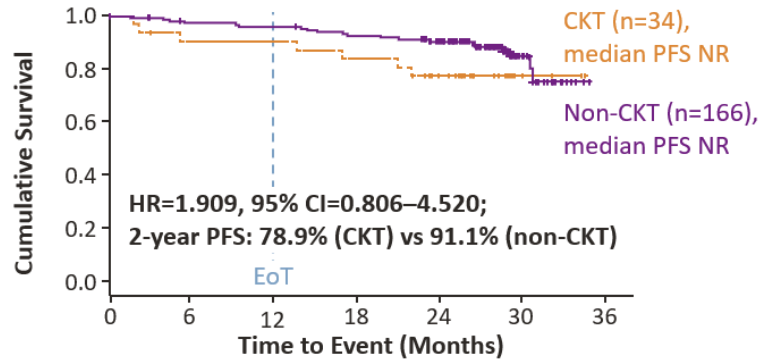
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
<b>VenO &amp; TP53</b>	25	22	21	19	16	15	9	1	0
<b>VenO &amp; no TP53</b>	184	168	167	161	157	149	87	22	0
<b>OClb &amp; TP53</b>	24	19	18	12	9	8	3	1	0
<b>OClb &amp; no TP53</b>	184	169	160	135	117	106	64	9	0

Compared with OClb, the PFS benefit was observed with VenO irrespective of TP53 deletion and/or mutation status

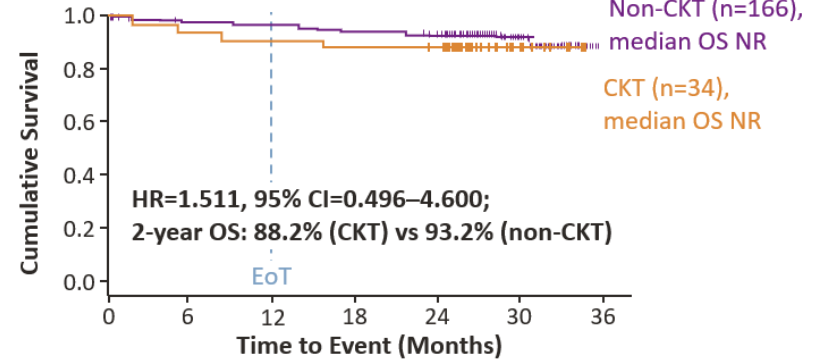
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Veno Arm

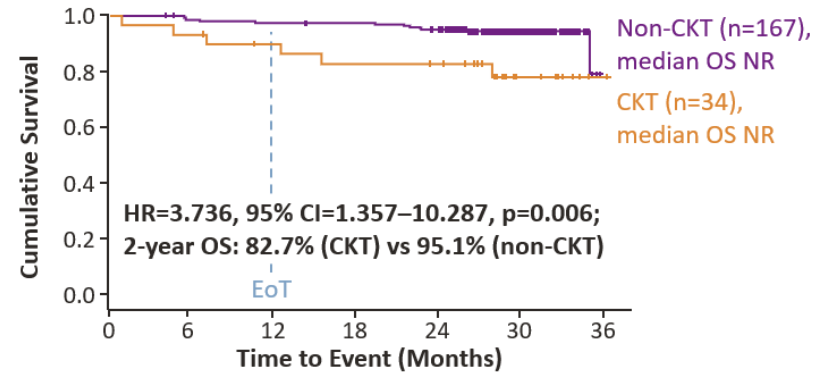
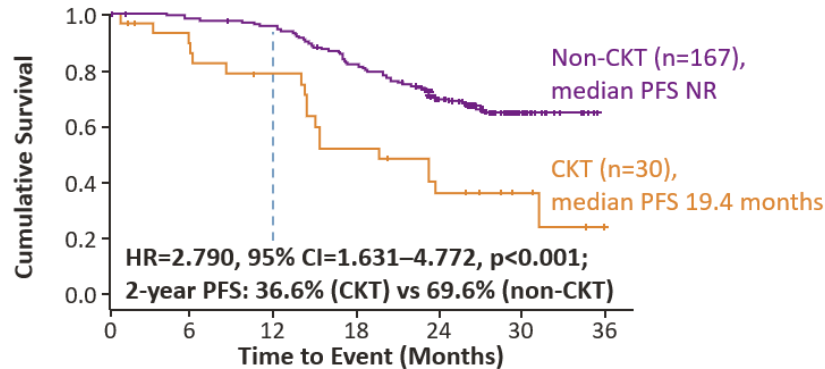
PFS



OS



OC1b Arm



No difference in PFS/OS was observed between patients with or without CKT when treated with Veno.  
Patients with CKT treated with OC1b had significantly shorter PFS than patients without CKT



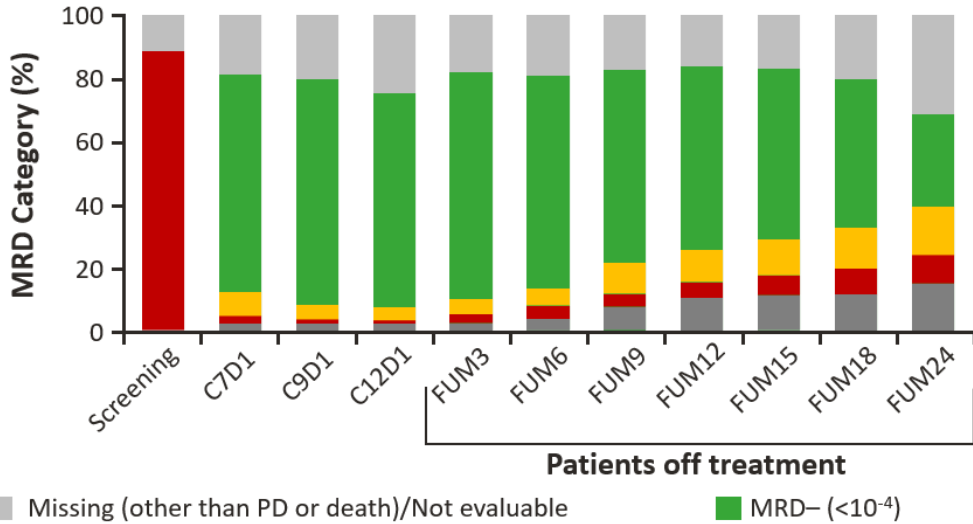
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<i>Minimal residual disease status</i>	<b>Venetoclax- Obinutuzumab</b>	<b>Chlorambucil- Obinutuzumab</b>	<i>P</i> value
<b>Number of patients, N</b>	216	216	
<b>Peripheral blood</b>			
Negative ( $<10^{-4}$ )	76 %	35 %	$< 0.001$
Negative ( $<10^{-4}$ ) in complete response	42 %	14 %	$< 0.001$
<b>Bone marrow</b>			
Negative ( $<10^{-4}$ )	57 %	17 %	$< 0.001$
Negative ( $<10^{-4}$ ) in complete response	34 %	11 %	$< 0.001$

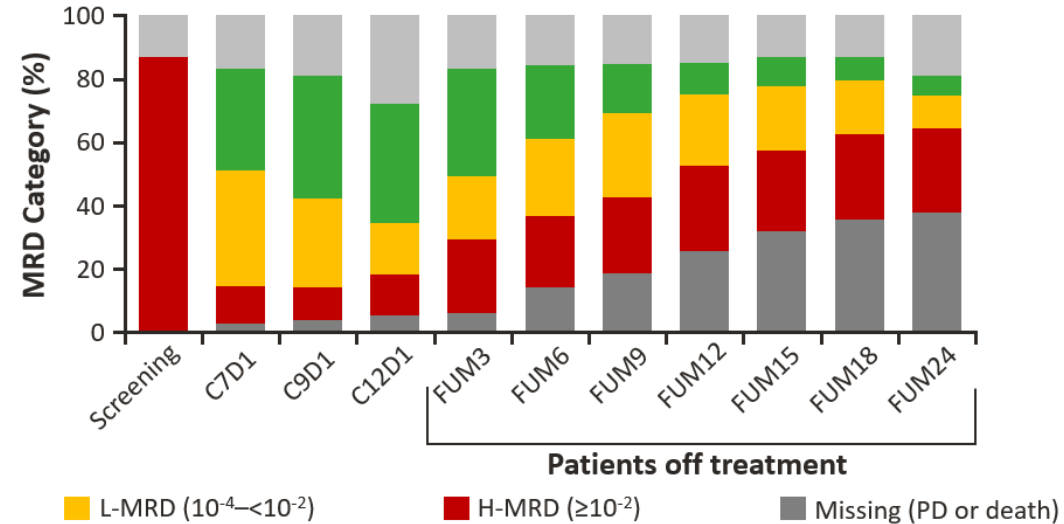
By ASO-PCR 3 months after completion of treatment

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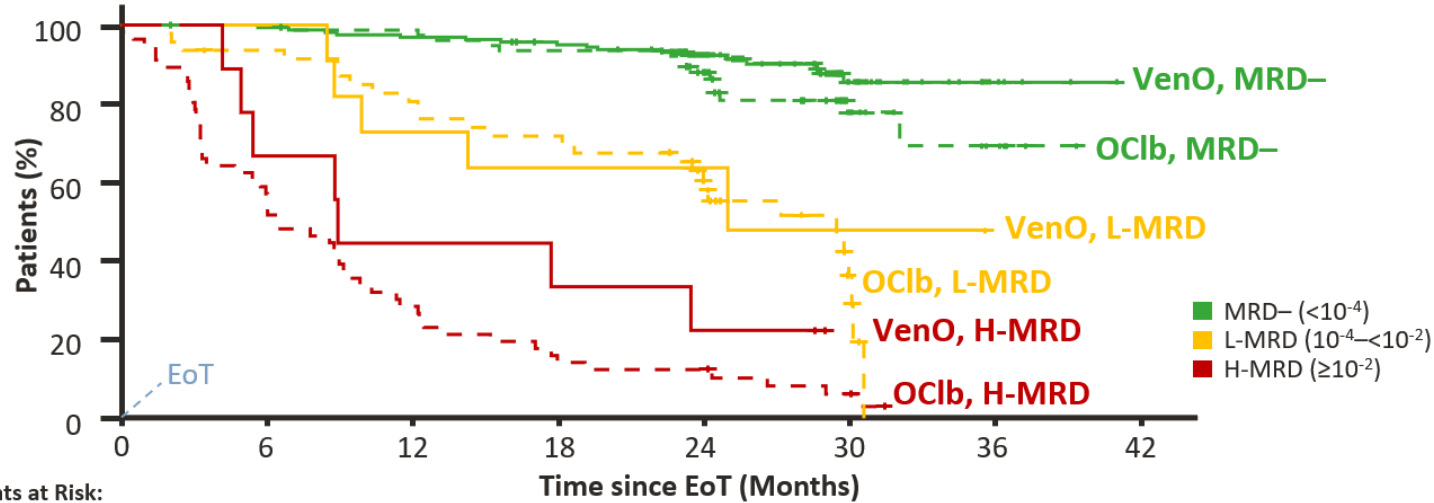


**MRD- rate 18 months after EoT: 47% with VenO vs 7% with OClb**

**MRD- rates were more sustainable after completion of therapy with VenO than with OClb as assessed by ASO-PCR**

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PFS Landmark Analysis by PB MRD Status (ASO-PCR) at EoT



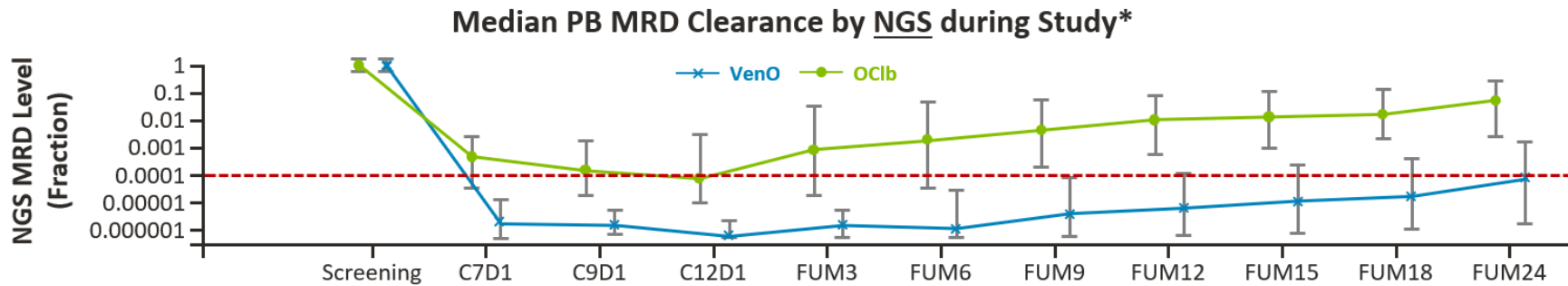
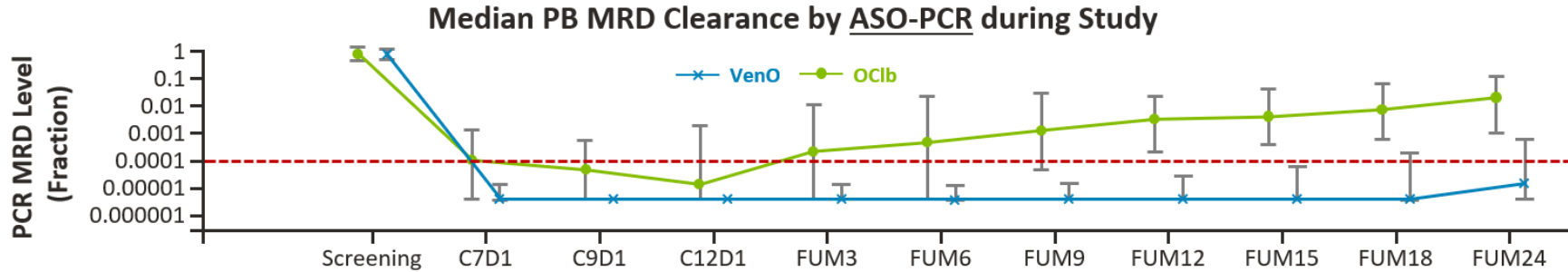
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All patients off treatment  
for  $\geq 2$  years

No. of Patients at Risk:

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
VenO & MRD-	163	161	156	150	91	34	5	0
VenO & L-MRD	11	11	8	7	4	1	0	0
VenO & H-MRD	9	6	4	3	2	0	0	0
OClb & MRD-	76	76	75	71	56	18	6	0
OClb & L-MRD	47	43	37	33	23	5	0	0
OClb & H-MRD	56	32	16	8	7	3	0	0

In a landmark analysis from end of treatment, MRD- patients had longer PFS vs L- or H-MRD patients (HR=0.10; 95% CI=0.06–0.15)

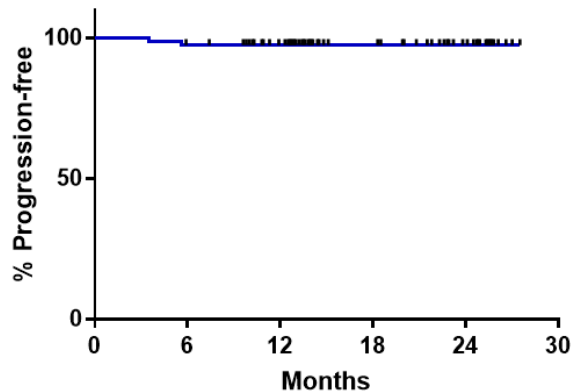
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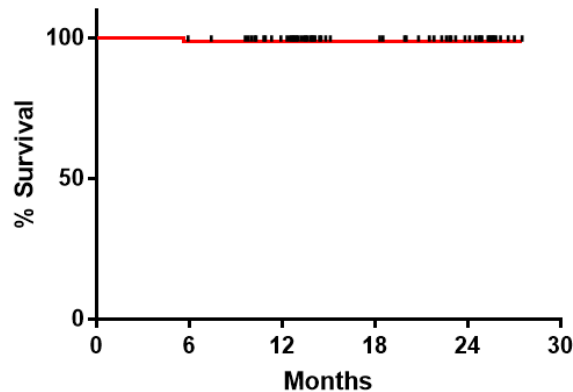
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# První linie – IBRU+VEN – PFS a OS

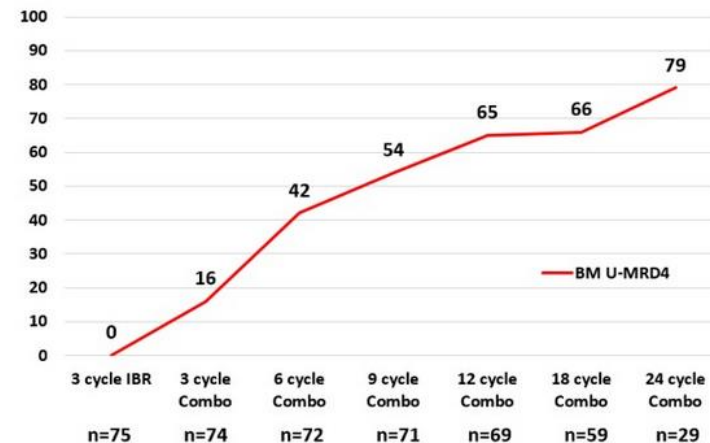
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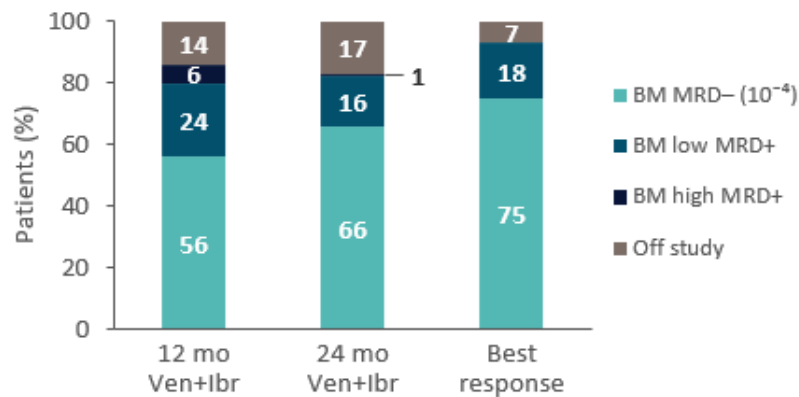
## Overall Survival



## Serial BM U-MRD4 %



## BM MRD Response in ITT Population\*



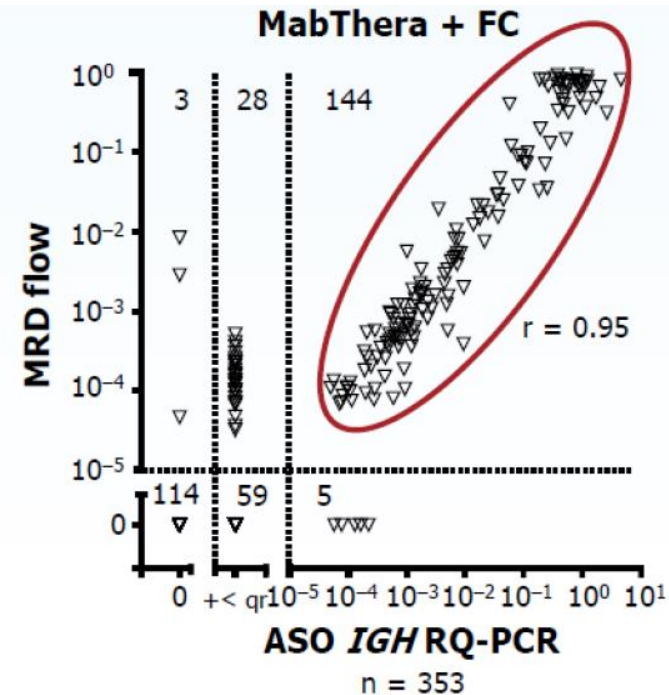
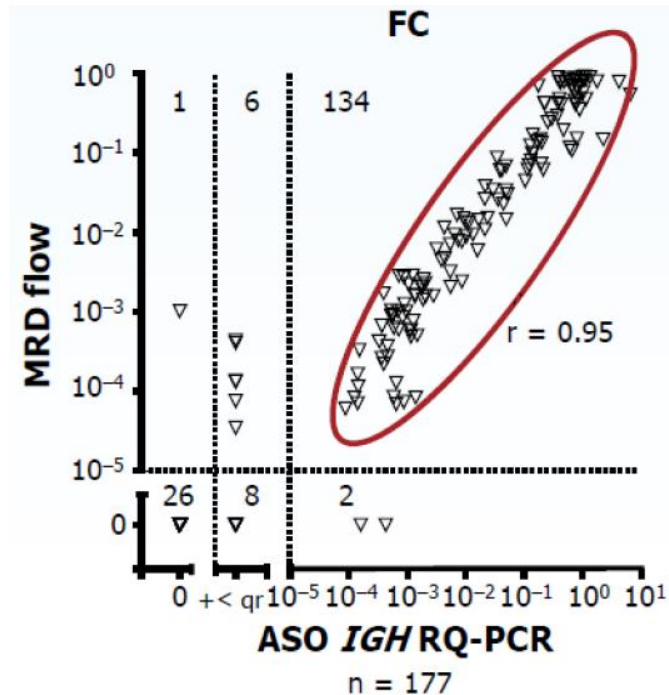
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- Periferní krev nebo kostní dřeň?



# Jak MRN vyšetřovat?

		FCM-based	PCR-based
Method	reported	multicolor FCM with different antigens ( $\geq 4$ -color)	ASO-RQ-PCR, HTS
	advantage	easy, needs a shorter time	high sensitivity ( $10^{-5} \sim 10^{-6}$ )
	disadvantage	relatively low sensitivity ( $10^{-4} \sim 10^{-5}$ )	laborious, time-consuming
Requirement for materials		fresh, living cells, or possibly properly cryo-preserved mononuclear cells (<48 hours after collection)	do not need fresh samples able to conduct with preserved materials
Application to clinical practice		easy	difficult except for clinical trials
Cost		less expensive	expensive
Course of action		Standardization with more sensitive combination of markers is required to improve the detection limit.	Is application of ASO-RQ-PCR practical? (HTS is ideal.)

# Kombinace léčiv a MRN – pro a proti

## Protocol

- Phase 2 Ven+Ibr; MRD cohort (n=164)
- Pts with confirmed MRD- (in both PB and BM) after 12C Ven+Ibr randomized 1:1 to Pbo or Ibr
- Pts without confirmed MRD- randomized 1:1 to Ibr or Ven+Ibr

## Population

- Patients <70 y, previously untreated CLL/SLL
- Median age 58 y; 20% del(17p) or TP53<sup>mut</sup>; 17% del(11q); 19% complex karyotype; 60% IGHV<sup>unmut</sup>

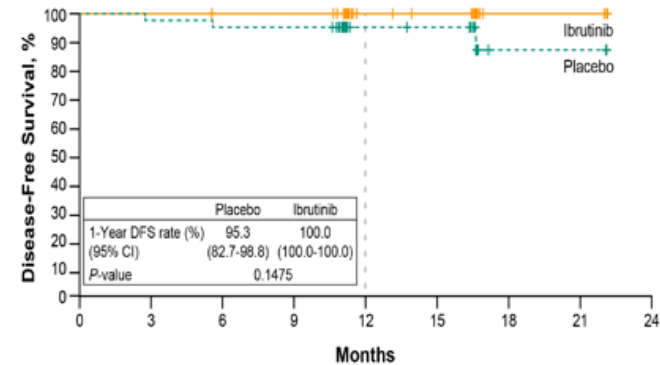
## Authors' conclusions

- 1L Ven+Ibr confers high rates of PB and BM MRD- in pts with CLL
- 1-year DFS was similar in pts randomized to Pbo vs Ibr after Ven+Ibr, supporting a FTD that offers treatment-free remissions in pts with CLL/SLL
- Depth of response is reflected in the 30-mo PFS rate of ~95% across all treated pts
- Safety profile for Ibr+Ven was consistent with known AEs for Ibr and Ven, with no new safety signals

## PFS Rates by Randomized Treatment Arm

	30-mo PFS % (95% CI)
<b>Pts with confirmed MRD-</b>	
Placebo (n=43)	95.3 (82.7-98.8)
Ibr (n=43)	100.0 (100.0-100.0)
<b>Pts without confirmed MRD-</b>	
Ibr (n=31)	95.2 (70.7-99.3)
Ven+Ibr (n=32)	96.7 (78.6-99.5)

## DFS by Randomized Treatment Arm in Confirmed MRD- Group



### Patients at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	43	42	41	41	22	21	3	3	0
Ibrutinib	43	43	42	42	25	23	5	5	0

\*The 3 DFS events in placebo arm were disease progression in 2 patients and MRD relapse in 1 patient.

## Safety:

- AEs similar across randomized treatment arms
- Across all pts, most common Grade 3/4 AEs (≥5% of pts) were neutropenia (36%), hypertension (10%), thrombocytopenia (5%), and diarrhea (5%)

# Kombinace léčiv a MRN – pro a proti

## Acalabrutinib + venetoklax + obinutuzumab

### Protocol (NCT03580928)

- Phase 2 IIS; updated efficacy and safety with sequential AVO (19-month follow-up)
- Enrollment now restricted to patients with *TP53*-aberrant TN CLL
- MRD-guided treatment duration
- **Primary endpoint:** Rate of BM MRD– CR at C16D1

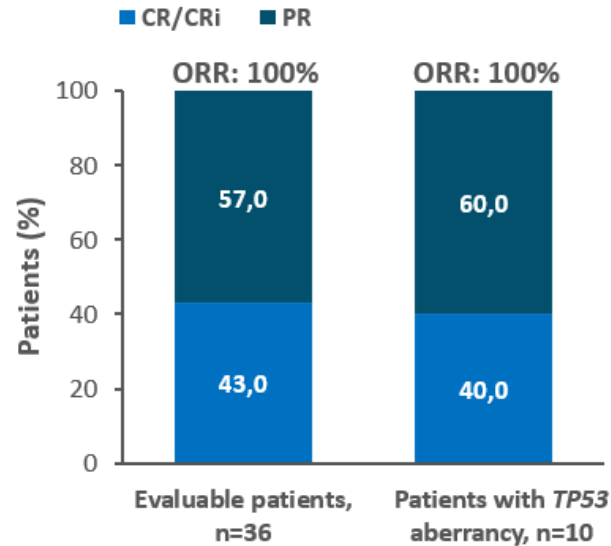
### Population

- Median age: 63 years (range, 41–78)
- 39% *TP53* aberrant\*; 27% del(11q); 66% *IGHV*<sup>unmut</sup>; 20% CKT<sup>†</sup>
- N=44

### Authors' conclusions

- AVO is highly active, with 78% achieving BM MRD– CR after 15 months of time-limited therapy in a TN population including ~40% patients with *TP53* aberrancy
- Safety profile of AVO is favorable

### Response rate at C16



**Primary endpoint:** 31% BM MRD– CR at C16

11 patients with BM MRD– CR d/c therapy after 15 cycles per protocol; median time off therapy: 4 months. No patients with PD to date

### Efficacy

- PB MRD– and BM MRD– at C16 in ITT: 84% and 78%, respectively; in patients with *TP53* aberrancy: 90% and 70%, respectively
- Response and rates of MRD– did not differ by *IGHV* mutational status

### Safety

- Grade ≥3 heme toxicities: neutropenia (34%); thrombocytopenia (23%); anemia (4.5%)
- One case of Grade 3 AF (2%); no major bleeding or febrile neutropenia
- Transient Grade 3 laboratory TLS occurred in 2 patients (4.5%) after starting O (prior to V)

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## Veneto-STOP studie

### Study Overview

**Key Eligibility:** Patients with CLL/SLL, currently receiving venetoclax as monotherapy or with an anti-CD20 antibody (1L or relapsed), 2x MRD- PB assessments at least 28 days apart

### Primary Objective:

- To utilize MRD assessment with a NGS assay (clonoSEQ®) to guide clinical decision making in patients with CLL receiving venetoclax-based regimens

### Primary Endpoints:

- Proportion of patients able to remain off venetoclax-based therapy at 12 cycles following treatment discontinuation

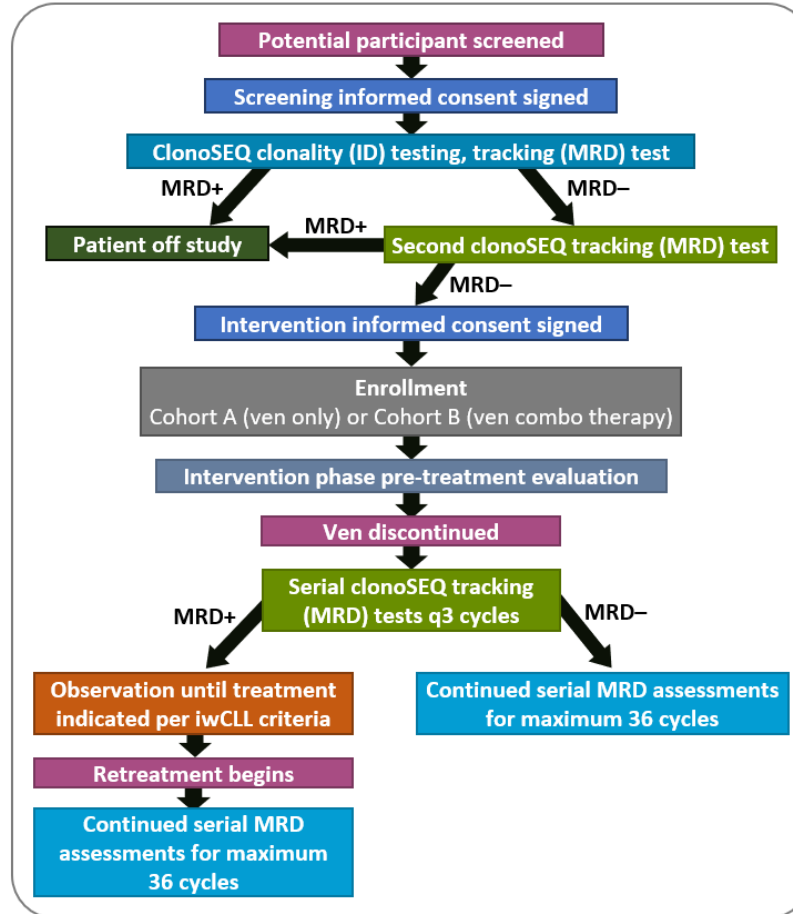
### Key Secondary Endpoints:

- Incidence of MRD+ during 36-cycle observation period following venetoclax discontinuation
- Incidence of new therapy initiation during observation period
- PFS and OS from start of treatment-free observation

Should a patient require re-treatment, endpoints include ORR, CR rate, MRD- rate, and AEs for venetoclax-based therapy re-treatment (health-related outcomes including cost and QoL will be assessed)

- \* 1 cycle = 28 days.

### Study schema: Multicenter Phase 2 Trial



- The ClonoSEQ® ID test will be performed, followed by the ClonoSEQ® MRD assay to evaluate MRD in the PB at two time points (≥28 days apart)
- Patients who have received ≥6 months ven and achieve uMRD (defined as  $<10^{-5}$ ) will enter a period of treatment-free observation
- Monitoring with serial MRD assessments on PB will occur every 3 cycles\* for 36 cycles
- Patients will undergo retreatment upon PD requiring therapy (per iwCLL criteria)
- Assessments for retreated patients will continue for 12 cycles or to the end of 36 cycles from the time of treatment free observation (whichever occurs first)

### Summary:

- Study will enrol 80 patients
- This trial will explore whether the duration of venetoclax therapy should be individualized, based on the depth of response achieved, and not used on a fixed duration schedule

• Ujjani CS, et al. ASH 2019; Abstract 1758.

